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Mr. William D. Ruckelshaus
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus:

Thank you for your letter granting the State of Hawaii interim authorization to conduct a permit program pursuant to the provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

We understand the conditions upon which the interim authorization is granted and concur with the joint federal-state permit processing arrangement. Enclosed as requested is a copy of your letter with my signature signifying our concurrence.

We already have had some discussion with representatives of your agency in Region IX regarding permit processing priorities, specific conditions to be embodied in individual permits and procedures for public notice and public hearing. However, we have met with Mr. Paul DeFalco, Regional Administrator, Region IX, on February 21, 1973 to further discuss additional questions pertinent to permit processing that have since arisen and arrangements in obtaining the appropriate permit application files and records.

You can be assured that the State is taking all necessary measures to move toward the objective of obtaining final authority to administer its own permit program pursuant to Section 402(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

We appreciate very much the favorable consideration and assistance you have given the State of Hawaii and look forward to further working with you in implementing major changes to our water pollution abatement program as prescribed by the new Act.

Very sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Walter B. Quisenberry]

WALTER B. QUISENBERRY, M.D.
Director of Health

Enclosure

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cc: EPA, Region IX ✓